





**"THE BRITISH COLONIST."**  
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Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or at the end of each quarter, and the daily and weekly rates will be furnished at the lowest rates and had no exception with in future be made to this rule.

**Estimates, Past and Present.**  
Without entering upon the question of how much the Colony can afford to pay for the current expenses of the Government for the ensuing fiscal year, a comparison of the present with the estimates of previous years will not fail to be interesting. The amount asked for this year is \$701,710 80 for the use of the united Colony. The total amount asked by the Government of the mainland for the year 1866 was \$723,366 (which amount did not include the ocean mail subsidy), and the amount voted did not fall short of the sum asked. In 1865, £228,335, or \$1,141,075, were asked and obtained; and in 1864, £147,598, or \$737,990, were cheerfully voted by the Council for the uses of the Government. The sum voted for the use of the Island Government in 1866 was \$194,000, but nearly \$300,000 were expended, mostly in the payment of salaries. In 1865, Governor Kennedy sent down his first Estimates, demanding \$390,466 90, which amount was reduced by the Assembly to \$298,618. In 1864, \$295,399 50 were voted for the public service. In 1863, \$157,000 were deemed sufficient for Governmental purposes. In 1862, Governor Douglas received £22,863, or \$114,315 (of which amount £2,458, or \$12,290 remained unexpended). In 1861, £22,500, or \$112,500, were voted, of which amount only £19,136, or \$95,680, were expended. In 1860, Governor Douglas sent his first Estimates down to the Assembly; they footed up the modest sum of £22,477, but the Assembly voted only £81,500. During those days of cheap Government on the Island, it will be borne in mind that public works were prosecuted and carried out; roads built and macadamised, and a great activity was noticeable in every branch of the Government service. The largely increased amounts for the use of Governor Kennedy provided for very little or any public improvement, and were, we might say, almost swallowed up in the payment of official salaries. In 1864, the total expenses of the two Colonial Governments were \$1,532,141 11. In 1866, the combined expenses reached \$1,023,366—a reduction of some \$500,000 upon that of the year previous. The amount now asked by the Government of the united Colony is \$701,710, a reduction on last year's expenses of the mainland alone of \$22,000; but even at this comparatively low figure there is a deficiency of at least \$26,000 to be provided for by the imposition of additional burthens upon the people. The sum of \$701,710 looks small when compared with the enormous footings up of previous estimates; and while large reductions appear in the official salaries, nearly \$100,000 of the amount will be saved by the stoppage of public works; the expenditures are principally for salaries and \$212,000 to stop the mouth of that insatiable moth Interest. The \$350,442 50 set down for the use of the Treasurer includes the interest on the loans, redemption bonds, etc.

**The Reform.**  
The Reform meeting in London, on the 11th, passed off in a satisfactory manner. There was no disturbance. The despatch says that the Derby Ministry will introduce a Reform measure which will be passed by resolution. If this plan be adopted much of the bitter feeling now existing toward the Government will be allayed; but we question if Bright and those working with him will be satisfied with any measure that does not secure Manhood Suffrage and vote by ballot. The ballot is desirable. The want of it has, no doubt, been the cause of much of the corruption lately exposed at Totnes and other rotten boroughs; but universal suffrage is not to be seriously thought of for a moment. Its adoption would jeopardise the constitution, it not the throne itself.  
In Mexico, Miramon, one of the bravest and best of the Imperial commanders, has captured the city of Zacatecas, and 2,000 prisoners. Juarez, one of the Presidents of the Liberal forces, made his escape from the place.  
A gentleman recently arrived in New York from Paris bringing with him photographs of the drawings in the Louvre, by Raphael, Michael Angelo, and other old masters. The photographs are taken by a process known only to the inventor, and are remarkable for the fidelity and fairness with which the drawings are reproduced, even the creases and wrinkles in the paper being given.

**By Electric Telegraph**  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST  
**LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.**  
**THE ESTIMATES I**

**New Westminster.** Feb. 14.—Civil Establishments—Governor, \$22,710; Legislative Council, \$1,200; Colonial Secretary, \$13,740; Treasurer, \$350,442 50; Assay Office, \$3,950; Auditor General, \$5,710; Chief Commissioner Lands and Works, \$82,817; Customs, \$15,221 80; Registrar General, \$4,900; Harbor Master, \$6,700; Post Office, \$56,240; Judicial Establishments, \$29,325; Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Police Establishments, \$33,761 25; Gold and Assistant Gold Commissioners, Stipendiary Magistrates, \$50,149; Pensions, \$970; Charitable Allowances, \$9,500; Hospitals, \$10,000; Works and Buildings, Roads, Streets and Bridges (miscellaneous), \$4,687 25; Government Vessels, Lighthouses, &c.; Total, \$701,710 80.  
The salaries of Governor, Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Collector of Customs, Registrar General and Postmaster, B.C., Judge Supreme Court, B.C., Attorney General, and Chief Inspector of Police, are provided for under the Crown Officers' Salaries Act, and are not included in the Estimates. Total refunds to Crown officers, \$5,300. No provision is made for the Ocean Mail service.  
Judge, Vancouver Island, \$5,820; Assistant Surveyor, \$1,900; Registrar General, \$1,940; Post and Harbor Master, \$1,450; Magistrate, \$2,240; Revenue Officer, \$1,700; Steam Tug, Crew, \$5,174; Leach River Ditch, \$5,600; Government Printing Office, B.C., \$3,500; Assay Office, \$3,900.

**Yesterday's Proceedings.**  
**New Westminster.** Feb. 13.—House met at two.  
Message from the Governor, stating that instructions had been given respecting the resolution of the House on the harbor fees and dues, which would be satisfactory.  
Consideration of the estimates was postponed, after some discussion, till Monday on motion of DeCosmos, to enable approximate returns of revenue of last year to be furnished with the total amount of expenditure.  
Lien law postponed till Thursday.  
Land bills of Pemberton and Trutch referred to Select Committee.  
Robson's Homestead Bill, similar to Vancouver law, passed first reading.  
Trades License Bill—Second reading postponed.  
English Laws Application Bill—Read third time and passed.  
Numbers of Indians are arriving.  
A dramatic performance will be given by invitation to-night.  
**Eastern States.**  
**New York.** Feb. 11.—Heavy rains and unprecedented freshets are reported in New England, where the snow is from five to ten feet deep. The damage around the Providence is already estimated at \$300,000, and in the vicinity of Norwich at \$100,000.  
**New York.** Feb. 11.—The lower portion of Boston was flooded with water, two or three feet deep by the great rains. Buildings were blown down, and other damage done to property.  
**New York.** Feb. 12.—The large dry goods store of C. B. Chittenden, on Broadway, was destroyed by fire this morning—loss one million; also the store of E. S. Jeffreys, loss \$100,000 in stock; and on building, \$350,000.  
**New Haven.** Feb. 12.—The river was so blocked with ice at West Hartford yesterday that the water rose as high as the second story window of Williamson's Hotel. His eldest daughter was drowned while trying to escape.

**Europe.**  
**Berlin.** Feb. 11.—The Prussian Government is determined to withdraw its present force from Dresden, which will in future be garrisoned by troops of the Northern German Confederation.  
**London.** Feb. 11.—The Reform procession marched through the city all the afternoon. It was immense, and there was not the slightest disturbance. A deputation headed by John Bright waited upon Gladstone. It was favorably received. It is reported that Disraeli will offer a plan of Reform to be adopted in Parliament by resolution.  
**Berlin.** Feb. 12.—The conference of the South German States has adopted an army system similar to that of Russia.  
**London.** Feb. 9.—It is officially announced by the Atlantic Cable Company, that on and after the 1st of March, rates for transmission of despatches by cable will be reduced one-half.  
**California.**  
**San Francisco.** Feb. 11.—The State Telegraph Company announce that on and after Wednesday next the charges on the Overland despatches to New York will be reduced from \$8 to \$6 in coin, for every message of ten

words, with a proportionate reduction of 25 per cent. on each additional word.  
**West Indies.**  
**Havana.** Feb. 6.—The cholera, small-pox and yellow fever are raging here. In St. Thomas, seven hundred died of cholera in five weeks.  
**Mexico.**  
**New York.** Feb. 11.—The *Tribune's* Matamoros special of the 7th says, Miramon took the city of Zacatecas with 2,000 prisoners; and Juarez, who was there, had to leave in a hurry, taking the road to Chihuahua.  
**Paris.** Feb. 11.—It is positively announced that all the French troops will leave Mexico on February 25th.  
**John H. Surratt.**  
Nearly eighteen months have passed since the death of the principal conspirators in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and still the plot remains a mystery. A bright theatre—death leaping on the scene—a wounded man at bay in a Virginia barn, defying his pursuers, and shot by the blunder of a soldier—a sick man's bed, and the assassin with the knife at his throat—the secret consultations of murderers, coming and going under various names and disguises—these are the figures in that terrible picture, in which, like those of Rembrandt, vast shadows enshroud a fierce and lurid light. The gallows, with four corpses, and one of them a woman—the Dry Tortugas, where four convicts expiate in watched solitude their crimes—a quiet grave far away in Illinois—these are its companion pictures, and yet there is one more terrible. It is that of a man flying from the land where he was born; lying on the floor, a dagger in his hand, and a bullet in his head, the corpse of his mother on the scaffold, seeking in vain to lose himself in the great world, and to blot his name from the memory of man. This is John H. Surratt, of whose equal guilt in the crime there is no doubt, and by whom, it is believed, much that is hidden may be revealed.  
The evidence taken before the military commission in June, 1865, proved John H. Surratt to be one of the principal conspirators. It was at the house of his mother, in the city of Washington, that the work of the assassination had been journeying between Richmond and Montreal; both was his constant companion; Mudd concealed him in the woods near his house; Payne consulted with him; Atzerodt confessed that Surratt induced him to join the conspiracy; one Nott, a rebel, when he heard of the murder, it was sworn, exclaimed, "My God! John Surratt knew all about this, and do you suppose he is going to stay in Washington and let them catch him?" His name was the first in the indictment. Had there been any doubt of his guilt, his flight would have removed it; though none of the principals were more frequently seen up to the 3rd of April, on the afternoon of the 14th he was seen for the last time, booted and spurred, ready for escape. From that time the very existence of John Surratt was a mystery; it was believed that he was dead; that he had revealed the names of his fellow-conspirators to the Government, and had been allowed to escape; that he was secretly imprisoned; that he was not to be seen or heard of again. Yet, as time passed on, John Surratt was forgotten, till the other day came the startling news that he had been arrested by the American Consul-General in Egypt.  
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